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Concluded and agreed upon by the Society of the White-Writing and Printing paper Manufactory of *Scotland*, in a general Meeting at *Edinburgh* the Nineteen day of *Auguſt* One Thouſand Six Hundred and Ninty Five Years, in the Terms whereof Partners are to be aſſumed.

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Imo, That the Stock already advanced for carrying on the ſaid White paper Manufactory, with what is yet to be Subſcribed for, making up in whole *five Thouſand Pound ſtarling*; and that the ſame be divided into Fourteen Hundred Shares: And that in reſpect of the great Charges and other Contingencies, which the Founders and thoſe who have already ſubſcribed have been put to, thoſe who ſhall hereafter ſubſcribe are to make payment of *four pound ſtarling* for each ſhare, and that by and attour *Fighteen ſhillings ſtarling* of Subſcription Money, which by the firſt Articles was provided payable to *Ni-*

cholas Dupin late Deput Governour of the Paper and Linnen Manufactories of *Scotland*, *England*, and *Ireland*, and *Denis* Manes Esquire, and is now assigned by them to the Joynt stock, in respect of an Liquid Sum obliged to be payed to them, and which they have accepted of in satisfaction for their said subscription Money.

2*do*. That all those who shall hereafter subscribe as Partners shall at the time of their respective subscriptions, pay in to *Alexander Clark* present Thesaurer to the Company, *One pound six shilling eight pence Sterling*, as the just equal third part of the foresaid sum of *Four pound Sterling* for each share, that they shall happen to subscribe for, together also with the foresaid sum of *Eighteen shilling Sterlings* of Subscription Money for each share they shall happen to subscribe for, or to any other Thesaurer who shall hereafter be named by plurality of Votes of the General Meeting for receiving thereof, and the remaining two parts of the saids shares, to be payed to the said *Alexander Clark* or his Successors in Office, how soon and whensoever the same shall be judged necessary by the General Meeting, or a Committee of seven persons to be chosen out of their Number for that effect; and that upon twenty one days Advertisement, to be given by the Thesaurer for the time being, to the subscribers personally, or at their dwelling places, if they be Residenters in *Scotland*, and to the Agents Residenters in *Edinburgh* for such Englishmen, or Residenters in *England* as have already subscribed, or shall hereafter subscribe as Partners, and who shall be payed by the English Subscribers, and upon their paying in of the first Moety with the subscription Money as a foresaid, and subscribing the Articles here ingrossed, the said *Alexander*'s Receipt thereof to be produced at an General Meeting at *Edinburgh*, shall give the subscribers as full Interest in the said Manufactory effeiring to their shares, as if they had originally subscribed the same.

3*tio*. That albeit the first Moety and subscription Money aforesaid be payed in by the subscribers, yet if they shall hereafter

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fail to pay in like manner the remaining part of their ſhares, they ſhall be ſubject and lyable to pay *Three ſhilling Sterling* Monthly for each third part of the ſhare whereof they ſhall happen to fail in making due payment being required as aforeſaid: And in caſe they fail for the ſpace of three Months thereafter to make payment of the ſaids remaining ſhares and penalty, then & in that caſe their reſpective ſhares is to be diſpoſed of by the foreſaid ſociety for the uſe of the Stock; and they are in all time thereafter to forfeit and amit any intereſt therein.

4*to*. That there ſhall be two Books prepared by *Robert Henderſon* our preſent Clark, or Secretary to the ſociety, and his ſucceſſors in Office, who are to be choſen at the General Meeting of the Company, in which all the Actings are to be Recorded; one whereof is to be ſtill retained by himſelf while he is in the Office at *Edinburgh*, and thereafter delivered up with the grounds and warrands thereof to his Succeſſor in Office, and the other thereof to be delivered by him to any perſon whom thoſe who Reſide in *England* do intruſt therewith, to the effect that from time to time the Partners in *England*, may be by him certiorat of the proceedings of the Company: And which Clerk and perſon Intruſted by theſe in *England* are to be obliged not to remove theſe Books out of the Kingdom without warrand from the Company, under the penalty of *One hundred pounds Sterling*, each.

5*to*. That no advantage ſhall be taken of ſurvivancy, but that the ſhare or ſhares of the party or parties Deceaſed ſhall fall and belong to their Heirs and Executors, and alſo that he or they ſhall have liberty to ſell and diſpoſe thereupon to any perſon or perſons who will give moſt for the ſame; and their Aſſigneys ſhall bruik and enjoy the ſame priviledges and Emoluments as their Authors might have done, they always producing their aſſignations & diſpoſitions thereto at the firſt or ſecond General Meeting after the purchaſe, which are to be recorded in the Regiſters or Transfer-Books of the Company.

6*to*. That at the firſt General Meeting every year there ſhall be choſen by plurality of Votes Thirteen perſons of their own num-

ber; who ſhall have power to nominate and choiſe an *Preſes* or *Chairman* to the Meeting for the enſuing year out of the ſaid Thirteen, whereof always the principal Agent for the Engliſh and Reſidenters in *England* is to be one if he be preſent, & which Thirteen whereof ſeven is declared to be ane *Quorum* the *Preſes* al ways being one of them by plurality of Votes are to order & determine in all their Meetings anent the Affaires relating to the Company, & to make all Contracts & Bargains relative thereto, & to give all neceſſary orders to the Theſaurer for deburſements, and which Thirteen are to paſs under the name of the *Common Council or Aſſiſtants to the Company*: As alſo the General Meeting is to make choice of Five perſons out of the ſaid Thitteen (the Preſes or Chairman and the Agent for the Reſidenters in *England* being always two of them) as a Committee of Trade, and whereof any two with the Preſes are to be an *Quorum* (the ſaid Agent being likewayes advertiſed of the Meetting) and which Committee and their *Quorum* ſhall have power, and are Authorized, to keep correſpondence betwixt the Engliſh Partners and them, anent the Patterns and ſale of Paper, and to ſettle and agree upon the manner of remitting the Money ariſing either from the product of the Joynt Stock or Subſcriptions in *England*, to the Theſaurer of the Company that preſently is or that ſhall happen to be at *Edinburgh*, for the time and which Committee are alſo to be warranted and impowered in caſe any of the Subſcribers do not pay in their ſhares as a foreſaid, to ſell the ſame to any other perſon at the ſame price, as they were firſt ſubſcribed for, ſuch Purchaſers and all other ſingular Succeſſors being always ſubject to the whole Laws and Acts of the Company already made or to be made.

7mo. That the four general meettings of the Company be kept at *Edinburgh*, annually upon the dayes following *viz*. The firſt dyet upon the firſt Munday of *November*, the ſecond upon the firſt Munday of *February*, the Third upon the firſt Munday of *May*, and the Fourth upon the Firſt Munday of *Auguſt*, and that in caſe the foreſaid Aſſiſtants find it neceſſary to have general meetings kept more frequently, or upon other dayes, that then the ſame

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ſhall proceed and be holden Intimation thereof being given to all Parties concerned by affixing placads upon the Mercat Croſs and *Exchange* of *Edinburgh*, and upon the Entry's to the Exchange at *London*, bearing the day upon which the meeting is to begin, and that Twenty dayes before the ſame, to the effect thoſe Concerned in the Scots white-writting-Paper Company may give timous Inſtructions to their Agent or Agents reſiding at *Edinburgh* there anent.

8*vo*, That the Theſaurer to the Company at preſent and in time coming ſhall be obliged to make their Accounts once every four Months anent what they have received in, what they have payed out, what debt is due to the company, by whom, & where Lodged, & upon what ſecurity, & what is in their hands of Money and effects. As alſo by advice of the plurality of the Engliſh Subſcribers ane Caſh-keeper or Theſaurer in *England*, is to be appointed who may receive in the Effects of the Manufactorie and Product thereof, and Money of the Several Subſcribers there and be obliged to hold Count for, and remit the ſame to the Theſaurer of the ſaid Office in Scotland once every three Months, and both of them are to give ſufficient Security for that Effect.

9*no*. At all general Meetings of the Company each Party if preſent (or his Agent if abſent) ſhall have on Vote for ilk five Shares he ſubſcribes for but in Committies they are only to have one Vote what ever their Intereſt be,

10*mo*. The Books for receiving in of Subſcribers are not to be cloſed untill the whole Fourteen Hundred ſhares be filled up without conſent of the plurality of Votes at a general Meeting.

11*mo*. That no Subſcriber ſhall have liberty to ſubſcribe for more than Twenty ſhares, without an Act of the general Meetting.

12*mo*. That the Milnes ſhall be Built and all Expences defrayed out of the Stock of the Company: As alſo the buying of Rags and all other materials neceſſary and the hyring of work men and mantenance of them and Prentices fit for the work, but it being already determin'd by ſuch of the Company

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who have already Subscribed, that there shall be two Milnes instantly Built, whereof one at *Yester* and another near *Edinburgh* whereof the saids *Nicholas Dupin*, and *Denis Manes*, are to have the oversight, in respect of the subscription Money allowed to them by the former Articles, and liquid sums now promitted to be payed to them in lieu thereof, the said *Nicholas Dupin* and *Denis Manes*, are to attend the Building of the saids Milnes, and to oversee the buying of all materials fit for the same on their own proper Charges, the Work Men and Materials being all payed out of the joynt Stock as aforesaid, and to teach Prentices the Art of making the said Paper, and not to desert the work untill these Prentices be able to manage the same, and teach others so to doe, conform to an Contract past betwix the saids *Nicholas Dupin*, and *Denis Manes* on the one part, and an Committie of the said company authorized for that Effect on the other part

13*tio*. In case any difference arise anent the carrying on of the said work and managing of the Stock, the same is to be determined by plurality of Votes of all the whole Proprietors or their Agents who are present at the first generall Meeting there after.

14*to*. That it shall be in the power of the Proprietors or their Agents, by plurality of Votes to make such Laws for the Government of the said Paper Manufactorie as they shall think expedient at any Generall meeting, providing they be not repugnant to, or Inconsistent with the General Laws of this Kingdom.

Lastly. That whoever shall subscribe and take Share in the said Manufactorie, or who shall Suceed there to buy any title whatsomever shall be subject and lyable to all the Rules of the Societie made or to be made.

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Here followes a Liſt of the Members who have already Subſcribed to the above Articles.

JOHN Marquis of *Tweeddale* Lord High Commiſſioner of *Scotland*
George Lord Viſcount of T*arbat*.
Sir *James Stewart* His Majeſtes *Advocat*.
Sir *George Campbel* Knight,
Alexander Clark Marchant.
Andrew Barclay Writter.
Andrew Johnſton of Knock hill,
Andrew Duffe Merchant,
Archibald Scot Merchant'
David Robertſon Writter,
Denis Manes Eſquire.
Francis Borie,
George Bell. Merchant
George Lawſon Merchant.
George Livingſton Merchant,
George Moſman Book Seller,

Herman *Le Dru*,
Mr *James Bailie* Writter to His Majesties Signet
James Hamilton Merchant,
James Montgomery Merchant at *Glasgow*,
James Stephans
Mr. *James Young* Writter,
Mr, *John Buchan* Advocat,
Mr. *John Dickson Secretary to* the Lord Chancellor,
Mr. *John, Inglis* Writter to His Majesties Signet,
John Learmond Merchant.
John Lethem Smith,
Mr. *John Meinzies* Advocat,
John Raitt Merchant,
John Trotter Merchant.
Laurence Wright Writter,
Mrs. *Mary Flood*
Nicholas Dupin, Esquire,
Patrick Farmer Merchant
Piter La Fite
Robert Henderson,
Thomas Butler Esquire
Thomas Noake Merchant,
Thomas Shelton Linnen Draper,
Thomas Spence Writter,
William Hume Master of the Gray Paper Mill at *Ayton*
Willam Spence Warden to His Majesties Mint,

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